

Middle School Comic Strip

High School Comic Strip

Adult (Post High School) Comic Strip

- A separate Entry Form must accompany each submission. Entry Forms must be filled out completely. Please do NOT mount your work.
- You must submit your entry one of four ways:
 1. Hard Copy Sent USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL or other delivery method:
 - Send (1) unmounted hard copy of each entry with completed Entry Form(s) to:

Comics Contest, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH 44094-5198
 - Hard copies must be identified with the entrant's name applied on the back. Please do not write directly on the back of your entry—apply a self-adhesive label with the information to avoid "bleed through" of ink. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
 - Each hard copy must be a REPRODUCTION (B&W or Color) on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. No original artwork! Comic Strips are an art form that is reproduced and judging will include how well the piece works reproduced.
 2. Electronic File Sent USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL or other delivery method:
 - Mail (1) CD-ROM or diskette containing one or more (up to five) entries with completed Entry Form(s) to:

Comics Contest, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, STE-C2081 Kirtland, OH 44094-5198
 - CD-ROM(s) or diskette(s) must be identified with the entrant's name. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
 - Each entry must be formatted to print on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. Entries will be printed using a standard desktop printer (color submissions will be printed in color). Specific printer or print setting requests will not be honored.
 3. Electronic File Sent Electronically as JPG, GIF, PDF or BMP formats:
 - Send (1) Submission and completed Entry Form as attachments as one E-Mail for each entry (up to five) to:

comics@academicventures.com
 - The attachments should be identified with the entrant's name. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
 - Each entry must be formatted to print on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. Entries will be printed using a standard desktop printer (color submissions will be printed in color). Specific printer or print setting requests will not be honored.
 4. Hand Deliver Submission At the Symposium Registration Table the morning of the Symposium:
 - Submit (1) hard copy of each entry printed on standard, white 8-1/2" X 14" paper. No original artwork! Comics/Graphic Fiction is an art form that is reproduced and judging will include how well the piece works reproduced.
 - Hard copies must be identified with the entrant's name applied on the back. Please do not write directly on the back of your entry—apply a self-adhesive label with the information to avoid "bleed through" of ink. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
- If you have any questions about meeting the above submission criteria, please contact Contest Officials as early as possible in your preparation. Submissions not meeting the criteria will be disqualified and Entry Fees will NOT be returned.

Submissions in the Comic Strip category should be a sample of a strip or two in single panel or multi-panel format.

Structure can either be Satire (editorial cartoons), "Story Strip" (such as *Funky Winkerbean*) or "Gag-A-Day" (such as *Blondie*). Topic, tone, and humor may be of that of the creator's choosing.

Entries will be judged on overall design, copywriting, story telling technique, visual composition, originality of characters, inventive perspectives, ability to convey topic and tone, and technical proficiency. Entries will not be primarily judged on comedic elements nor will awards be simply based on which submissions are "funniest". Creators are invited to submit entries that are funny, thought-provoking, comforting, political satire, and so forth.

Entries considered inappropriate for a general audience will not be displayed publicly and will not be eligible in the "Peoples' Choice" categories. Such decisions will be at the Contest Officials' sole discretion.

For More Information

Please do not hesitate to contact Contest Officials at 440-356-8743 or E-mail comics@academicventures.com.